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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6017

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

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AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0224

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MA, CH

SUBJ: ARRIVAL RESIDENT PRC DIPOMATS

REFS: TANANARIVE 0079 AND PREVIOUS

FOR: EMBASSY/CAPE TOWN

1. ARRIVAL TANANARIVE 21FEB OF PRC CHARGE D'AFFAIRES PLUS OTHER
DIP PERSONNEL TO SET UP RESIDENT PRC EMBASSY GIVEN PROMINENT
COVERAGE MORNING MEDIA 22FEB. IN AIRPORT PRESS STATEMENT, CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES REPORTEDLY SAID AMB WOULD ARRIVE "WITHIN FEW DAYS".

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WHILE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR FROM PRESS WHETHER HE WAS TALKING

ABOUT RESIDENT AMB OR PRESENTLY ACCREDITED AMBASSADOR RESIDENT IN DAR ES SALAAM, IMPLICATION SEEMED BE AMB WOULD BE RESIDENT TANANARIVE.

2. ESTABLISHMENT RESIDENT PRC DIP MISSION SOMETIME IN 1974 WAS REVEALED TO US BY FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL AS EARLY AS LAST SEPT AND CONFIRMED PUBLICLY DURING MALAGASY FONMIN'S 18DEC SPEECH TO CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY; TIMING, HOWEVER, WAS UNSURE UNTIL FEB 21 ARRIVAL THIS PRC TEAM.

3. PRESS ALSO REPORTED PRC EMBASSY WILL BE TEMPORARILY LOCATED PANORAMA HOTEL. MEMBERS PRC EMBASSY DAR WHO HAVE VISITED TANA FAIRLY FREQUENTLY SINCE ESTABLISHMENT DIP RELATIONS IN LATE 1972 HAVE INVARIABLY STAYED THERE TO BEST THIS EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE.

4. INDEPENDENT "MADAGASCAR MATIN" OF 22 FEB GAVE FOLLOWING NAMES OF PRC DIP PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED 21FEB: CHING MIAO SHENG (CHARGE D'AFFAIRES); TSAO CHIANG HUA (FIRST SECRETARY); LI SHU TIEN (SECOND SECRETARY); CHANG LIEN SUN (ATTACHE); PLUS FIVE OTHER CIVIL SERVANTS, MISS SUN YU FANG, MIAO CHING CHENG, WANG LIEN CHUN, CHI HSIN YU, AND LI YUNG.

5. ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING CHINESE BY ROMANIZED SPELLINGS OF NAMES BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AVAILABLE BIO INFO ABOVE PRC PERSONNEL ASAP.
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